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	P	D	S
1916	—	60.00	—
1920	42.50	—	—
1928	—	47.50	—
1929	—	55.00	—
1930	40.00	NM	47.50
1932	30.00	—	—
1934	13.00	72.50	NM
1934	22.50	LIGHT MOTTO	
1935	10.00	69.50	37.50
1936	8.25	275.00	35.00
1937	9.50	15.00	60.00
1938	47.50	NM	30.00
1939	7.50	10.50	32.50
1940	12.50	42.50	7.50
1941	3.00	6.75	7.50
1942	2.50	4.50	18.50
1943	2.50	4.25	5.50
1944	1.50	3.50	3.25
1945	1.35	4.00	2.50
1946	1.25	3.75	5.75
1947	2.00	2.25	5.50
1948	1.50	3.00	2.75
1949	12.50	6.00	NM
1950	1.75	2.00	3.75
1951	1.25	1.25	7.50
1952	1.50	1.50	3.00
1953	2.00	1.25	2.00
1954	1.25	1.50	1.50
1955	2.25	5.00	NM
1956	1.25	1.00	NM
1957	1.00	1.00	NM
1958	2.50	.85	NM
1959 PD thru 1964 PD @			.85
Set 1941PDS-1964PD @			141.50

HALF DOLLARS BU

	P	D	S
1934	11.50	37.50	90.00
1935	11.00	59.50	70.00
1936	10.00	21.00	47.00
1937	12.00	70.00	57.50
1938	39.00	200.00	NM
1939	12.00	15.00	35.00
1940	8.50	NM	22.50
1941	8.00	15.50	37.50
1942	6.75	18.50	19.00
1943	6.25	15.00	19.00
1944	6.00	7.75	8.00
1945	6.75	7.50	11.00
1946	8.50	14.00	9.50
1947	15.50	10.00	NM
1948	13.00	8.00	NM
1949	32.50	26.50	27.50
1950	23.50	16.00	NM
1951	6.50	25.00	15.00
1952	4.50	4.00	14.50
1953	15.00	3.50	7.50
1954	3.50	2.25	4.25
1955	8.50	NM	NM
1956	4.50	NM	NM
1957	4.50	2.60	NM
1958	4.50	2.25	NM
1959	3.75	2.25	NM
1960	3.00	2.25	NM
1961	3.00	3.00	NM
1962	2.25	2.00	NM
1963	1.75	1.75	NM
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Peoria Set to Welcome Central States, May 4-6

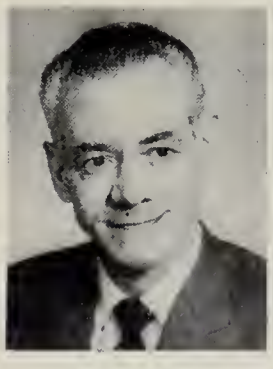
All paths lead to Peoria, Ill., as the Peoria District Coin Club, with Oliver Horton and Robert Whitmore calling the turns, makes its final preparations to entertain the 34th anniversary and 31st annual convention of C.S.N.S.

Scheduled to open officially on Friday morning, May 4, with ribbon cutting ceremonies, the annual conclave will be preceded by a day-long open bourse by dealer-members of the P.N.G.

General Chairman Oliver Horton reports that space in the bourse area of the Peoria Hilton, site of the show, has been "sold out" for months and that nearly 30 dealers have their names on the waiting list for possible cancellations. Space for numismatic exhibits is quite limited, though Peoria show planners indicate that they can continue accepting space reservations for a short period of time.

Attending conventioneers will have the opportunity of visiting with such nationally-known figures of the numismatic world as Miss Eva Adams, former Director of the Mint; John Jay Pittman, A.N.A. President; Edward C. Rochette, A.N.A. Executive Director; Dan Harley, Franklin Mint representative; Courtney L. Coffing, Executive Editor, **Numismatic Scrapbook Magazine**; and tentatively, Mrs. Mary Brooks; present Director of the U.S. Mint. (Rochette and Coffing are slated to speak during the Educational Forum, Saturday, May 5.)

Members planning to attend the convention are urged to contact the Peoria Hilton as early as possible for hotel accommodations. Auction sale catalogs may be secured directly from



Horton

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RARCOA, 31 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill. 60602. Pre-registration forms and all other inquiries should be directed to: C.S.N.S. Convention, P.O. Box 995, Peoria, Ill. 61601.

Oliver Horton and Robert Whitmore are general chairman and co-chairman, respectively, of the 1973 event.

GUEST

EDITORIAL

A Voice From Yesterday

Howland Wood was one of the hobby's all-time greats. He was curator at the American Numismatic Society, an official of the American Numismatic Association, a numismatic editor and author of world-wide esteem until his death in 1938. In 1909, Wood was asked to prepare comments instructive to beginners in the hobby. Sixty-four years later, Wood's numismatic maxims are as fresh as tomorrow — with one possible exception. He maintained every collector should have a pine tree shilling!

We offer Howland Wood's advice to our readers — beginners and veterans — who are learning, or who need a refresher course.

Don't lose your head at an auction sale and bid out of all reason for a coin just because someone else is doing the same thing. It has often happened that the dealer has the same coin in stock that could be bought for less money.

Don't set your heart on acquiring any coin right off. If you force the market you generally have to pay more than it is worth.

If you are a young man, you can afford to wait, it is only the old men who cannot.

Don't plunge in too quickly at the start and think that you must buy every coin offered.

Don't try to collect everything; you will never catch up with your contract. Also you will not enjoy what you have.

You have to learn by experience; a few jolts and knocks will impress you more than all the advice an older collector can give you.

Don't take any man's word that a coin is unique. There are fewer unique coins than there are said to be.

Coins rated "Unique in this condition" should be taken with a grain of salt. "Unique in this metal" beware of. There are very few coins or medals unique in gold; generally two or more were struck, despite what the one that knows says.

Collect, if possible, coins in the best condition; you then buy but once, and when you want to sell you have something worth selling.

A poor coin is an aggravation and an eyesore, and you as a rule, can get very little for it when you want to sell.

Always, handle a coin by the edge, even though it be a poor coin, as it is well to acquire the habit.

Be chary of unnecessarily handling fine coins belonging to someone else.

A library goes hand in hand with a collection of coins.

It is better to collect a few series and know your subject than to attempt to collect everything and think you know it all and really know nothing.

Listen to what others have to say about coins, as this is one of the ways to learn, but use your own common

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PRESIDENTIAL COMMENTARY

It's convention time again, and all Central States members should be thinking of Peoria where the 34th anniversary Central States convention will convene!

I have been in close contact with Oliver Horton and Bob Whitmore, general chairman and co-chairman, and they both assure me that everything is being done to make this another "great" convention, and I'm certain they will.

With the numismatic market getting stronger every day, it will be worth your while to attend this convention. Plan, too, on attending the auction sessions to be conducted by David Shapiro and his crew from RARCOA who promise to set more record sales, just as they've done in the past. We, at Central States, are fortunate to have such an outstanding numismatic concern serving as our convention auctioneer.

I would like to invite all Central States members to plan on attending the General Meeting where you may meet your new officers and join in the decision making that is done at these meetings. CSNS is YOUR organization, so come and take part in our meeting.

I have had two members offer their services to serve as Board Members, and they will be in attendance in Peoria. We still need Board Members from Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa and the Dakotas, so why not get on the ball and send in your name to serve with us. It's a lot of fun, and even though we do have occasional problems, we always can work them out!

David L. Cooper

So let's get ready for the 34th CSNS Convention. See you there!!

—DAVID L. COOPER, President

ATTENTION

Here are the dates and locations of future C.S.N.S. Conventions:

May 4- 6, 1973	Peoria, Illinois
May 9-12, 1974	Detroit, Michigan
Dates to be announced, 1976	Cleveland, Ohio

Invitations for future conventions must be submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer.

A MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY

This may be my final Secretary's Message, although my term as Secretary of CSNS will not officially terminate until the election of new officers in 1974. I am formulating plans to pass over the accumulation of 15½ years of work in the service of Central States (from October, 1957 to March, 1973) before the official date.

I feel a new Secretary should be highly imbued with CSNS. He should be a person who has had several years experience in the workings of CSNS and its membership. And one who came into the picture after the stroke of Earl Brown in 1957, as I did, has had plenty of time to look over the situation. We have had increases and decreases of membership during these years, and we have had a series of excellent Presidents who have endured the 15½ years of over Lordship, counting the two years I took out to serve as President (1962-1964).

F. Stevens Epps

This all has been a gratification to

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The persons named below have applied for membership in the Society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that date.

NEW MEMBERS SINCE THE JANUARY, 1973, ISSUE OF *THE CENTINEL*

2439 Jan Bronson	Beverly Hills, Calif.
2440 Paul A. Gallagher	Hammond, Ind.
2441 Raymond Booth	Elkhart, Ind.
2442 Charles A. Dean	Nashville, Tenn.
2443 John O. Roush	Indianapolis, Ind.
2444 Paul D. Lyons	Burlington, Iowa
2445 H. Lincoln Vehmeyer	Springfield, Ill.
2446 John J. Tilton, M.D.	Bellevue, Iowa

me, and I must say that the entire membership of CSNS has supported me to the hilt. I appreciate all the support you have given me in my terms of office, and I hope you will continue to support Central States Numismatic Society.

—DR. F. S. EPPS,
Secretary-Treasurer

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NOTICE

OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE CENTRAL STATES NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

The Governing Board of Central States Numismatic Society hereby recommends the following amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws:

The second sentence of Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution should be amended to read as follows: Any person of good moral character who has attained the age of eleven years and who has not attained the age of eighteen years shall be eligible for Junior Membership.

The first sentence of Article II, Section 7 of the By-Laws should be amended to read as follows: The annual dues for the Society year ending April 30th shall be $3.00 for Regular Members and $1.00 for Junior Members.

The first sentence of Article II, Section 9 of the By-Laws should be amended to read as follows: Membership dues shall be payable in advance.

Article II, Section 3 of the By-Laws should be amended to read as follows: Applicants for Life Membership must be Regular Members in good standing for a period of not less than one year.

Article II, Section 10 of the By-Laws should be amended by deleting therefrom the following: "plus a reinstatemant fee of $1.00." and by substituting therefor the following: A new membership number shall be assigned to such member. Such member at his option shall be entitled to his former membership number upon paying all of his unpaid dues for the period prior to his re-instatement.

Article III, Section 1 of the By-Laws should be amended to read as follows: The Society shall have a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Editor, Immediate Past President and a maximum of thirteen Governors, all of whom shall constitute a Governing Board. A vacancy during the two year term of any officer, governor or the editor may be filled by appointment of a majority of the Governing Board.

There should be deleted from the By-Laws, Section 2 of Article III presently reading as follows: "All officers and governors shall be elected by the membership at the annual meeting for a period of two (2) years beginning in 1960; except the President shall not be a candidate for re-election." (The subject matter of this Section is covered by the present Section 6 of Article III and a proposed revised Section 10.)

Sections 3 through 11 of said Article III should be re-numbered Sections 2 through 10, respectively.

The former Section 3 of said Article III (to be re-numbered Section 2) should be amended to read as follows: The Governing Board shall be generally responsible for the conduct of the affairs of the Society and shall have such other duties and powers as are herein provided.

The third sentence of Section 8 of said Article III (to be re-numbered Section 7) shall be amended to read as follows: Only regular members and life members shall have the right to vote.

The former Section 9 of said Article

(See AMENDMENTS, page 17)

The ABCs of Numismatics

— by Daniel C. Parker

Part 1

So You'd Like to Collect?

As with any other project, an intelligent approach is necessary. Serious students have spent uncounted thousands of hours doing research, prior to publishing books on the subject of numismatics. Numismatics, according to Webster, is the science and study of coins and medals. Why not take advantage of the research done for you? The books are available in most bookstores and hobby shops. Among the best are **A Guide Book of United States Coins, Standard Catalog of World Coins, A Catalog of Modern World Coins**, etc.

What whetted your appetite for coin collecting? Was it a handful of coins brought back from a foreign country by a relative? Was it, perhaps, some odd, old coins found in the bottom of a bureau drawer? Or a piece left by a favorite grandparent?

If it has been struck, someone, more than likely, has done research on the significance and the occasion calling for the striking of the specimen. As an illustration, the Lincoln Head Cent was first made in 1909. Why that particular date? The answer is very simple. The date marked the 100th anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. In effect, this oldest design of all United States coins was first struck as a commemorative piece. To commemorate the birth of one of the most notable of the Presidents of the United States.

Now that your mind has settled on what you would like to collect, perhaps it would be wise to warn you: do NOT spread yourself out too thin. That is, DON'T try to collect all denominations or countries. Unless your bankroll is heavy enough to stand the wear and tear, you will only be able to gather a few of the available specimens that you may be attracted by. Availability is often the criterion of what we choose to collect.

Some collectors settle upon a country from whence their antecedents came. Others decide to collect other than the round coins with which we are so familiar. (Yes, coins have been struck in many shapes . . . square, oblong, six-sided, eight-sided, lobed,

(Editor's Note: With this issue of **The Centinel**, we launch a series of articles authored—with our younger collectors in mind—by Dan Parker of Detroit. Parker was named by the C.S.N.S. Governing Board in Milwaukee last Spring to head the Society's proposed **Young Numismatist Program**, and although the full scope of the program will not be revealed prior to the C.S.N.S. convention in Peoria, May 4-6, we are pleased to present a preview of what is to come.)

etc.) One of the most attractive exhibits we have witnessed was assembled by a young lady who arranged them in a most interesting design. Another exhibit was assembled because all of the coins had, as one of the devices, an animal or bird. The choice is limitless!

One of the wisest moves we can recommend: join your local coin club or society. You will find that collectors are an unselfish group. Most will gladly share with you the knowledge they have gained over the years. By becoming a member of the local club, you can learn that many of the people whom you have known for years also collect. And often, they can direct you to someone who is willing to part with a coin that you may be seeking.

We now come to the second reason for buying a book (or books). A very simple one: insurance! Most published books—recent ones, at least—have values of the coins you may be seeking. Nothing is as discouraging as finding that you have grossly overpaid for a coin that is neither scarce, nor in particularly choice condition. **Don't** insist on the first specimen you see that is available. This is a common mistake. Unless the coin is a true rarity, you will find it again and again. Patience is its own reward.

We spoke of condition. By studying the book you bought, you learn that as the condition becomes poorer, the price becomes a great deal less. Conditions usually used are: **Unc.** for **Uncirculated** (that is, a coin never used in commerce). **A.U.** or **X.F.** for **About Uncirculated** or **Extremely Fine** (the specimen now displays a bit of wear or smoothing at the highest points of the design). Gradually condition drops to: **Very Fine, Fine, Very Good,** and **Good.** We would recommend that any condition below **Good** is not to be collected. **Good,** as a condition, is more or less a misnomer. True, all the principal parts of the design appear, but they certainly are barely recognizable. Grading of coins is one of the most difficult parts of the hobby. However, with application, the beginner will learn in very short order.

As a collector, you should take pride in your collection. It is most difficult to take pride in a group of badly worn coins, or coins that are covered with an encrusted foreign material. However, the cleaning of coins is an art in itself. Metals respond differently to different chemicals and cleaning compounds. One of the safest of all cleaning materials is oil. Yes, ordinary machine oil; the light oil that Mom and Dad use for lubricating the sewing machine, lawn mower, etc. Using a bottle cap or other small container, drop the oil

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WHAT OUR CLUBS HAVE TO SAY

Michigan State Elects Officers

An election committee, comprised of Bristol Shutes of Kalamazoo, Thelma Zimmerman of Monroe, Bob Williams of Ferndale, and Val Pasvolsky acting as an impartial observer, spent six hours tabulating an unprecedented return of mailed ballots for the M.S.N.S. election. The results of the election were announced at the Michigan Coin Club Presidents Breakfast, held during the M.S.N.S. Annual Fall Convention held November 24-26, 1972, in Detroit, and are as follows: President — Tom Jones, Dearborn; First Vice President — Harold Anderson, Caro; Second Vice President — David Hood, Owosso; Secretary — Florence Schook, Livonia; Treasurer — Robert Waite, Redford; Board of Governors —Wilma Dean Roethke, Saginaw; Ralph Hinkle, Muskegon; Max Brail, Jackson; Donna Streeter, Bay City; Don Johnson, Kalamazoo; Gordon Wrubel, Centerline; Chester Clark, Howell; Floyd Williams, Ypsilanti; Don McKelvey, Port Huron; Richard McKnight, Oscoda; John Rieman, Davison; Art Goupel, Southgate; and Dan Parker of Detroit.

At the same time, another election was taking place at the convention, and saw the following officers elected for the Michigan Young Numismatists: President — Jane Zabowski, Warren; Vice President — Debbie Clark, Howell; and Secretary—Cheryl Losey, Warren.

President Tom Jones appointed the following M.S.N.S. Juniors Committee consisting of Harold Anderson, Chairman; Florence Schook, Chester Clark, Bill Davis and Bristol Shutes, all of whom will work closely with the new officers of M.Y.N. Chester Clark will also serve as Youth Editor for **The Mich-Matist,** the quarterly publication of the Michigan State Numismatic Society.

Indianapolis Club Announces Show Plans

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Indianapolis Coin Club it was agreed the club will sponsor a coin show again in 1973. The show will be held at the Stouffer's Inn, 2820 N. Meridian Street, Indianapolis. Dates and times are: Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and on Sunday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Jerry Jensen and John Sementa, co-chairmen, may be contacted by writing to 709 Griffin Road, Indianapolis, Ind. 46227. Bourse chairman is Don Hudson, 609 Ashford Drive, Indianapolis 46224, and exhibit chairman is Howard Manifold, 7738 Rucker Road, Indianapolis 46200.

Other officials are Frank J. Russell, publicity; Dr. Arthur Kirschy and Ray Fiscus, registration; Jerry Jensen, security; and Helen Rhodes, hostess.

The Indianapolis Coin Club has sponsored a show at Stouffer's Inn each year since 1968. The Inn has proven to be an ideal location to host coin shows with space available for 56 dealers. Bourse tables are priced at

$40 each, and dealers and exhibitors may set up beginning at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 11.

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Death Claims CSNS Life Member

An active supporter of Central States in the Gary, Ind., area, Art Rutz recently passed away at the age of 69. Rutz held C.S.N.S. Life Membership #13, A.N.A. Life Membership #197, and served as Historian for his local club, Calumet Numismatic Club of East Chicago, Ind. His passing was reported in late December by C.N.C. Secretary George Hawk.

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Adna Wilde Addresses St. Louis Collectors

At a recent meeting of the Missouri Numismatic Society of St. Louis, the club welcomed to its podium former ANA Executive Director, Adna G. Wilde, Jr., of Colorado Springs, whose two-fold subject of "Counterstamped Stone Mountain Half-Dollars," and "Lesher Referendum Silver Souvenir Medals" elicited searching inquiries from 75 members and guests.

Wilde reported that an intensive campaign by the Stone Mountain Memorial Association to sell the Stone Mountain coins embraced the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, several banks, large quantity group purchases, and the appointment of specified quantities to each southern states district.

As a further promotional device, under the auspices of the Association, a number of the coins were stamped with a number and state name and auctioned off to the highest bidder, some bringing as much as several hundred dollars. Wilde stated that although over a thousand in all (of different states) must have been so stamped, these coins appear to be among the rarest varieties of commemorative half-dollars and are seldom seen on the numismatic market.

Wilde displayed the counterstamped half-dollar which he has owned for some 32 years, and told of other counterstamped pieces he has seen bearing the state names of Arkansas, Mississippi, Georgia, Alabama, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Although

he has not verified other state counterstamped issues, he believes that all southern states probably were so represented. He solicits and welcomes further information concerning these issues which may be addressed to him at 29 Friendship Lane, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80904.

A second fund-raising and promotional project was the issuance of The Children's Founders Roll medal sold as a souvenir item. The obverse design shows the figures of (left to right) General "Stonewall" Jackson, Central Robert E. Lee, and President Jefferson Davis. The reverse reads: "Children's Founders Roll Commemorating The Heroism of the People

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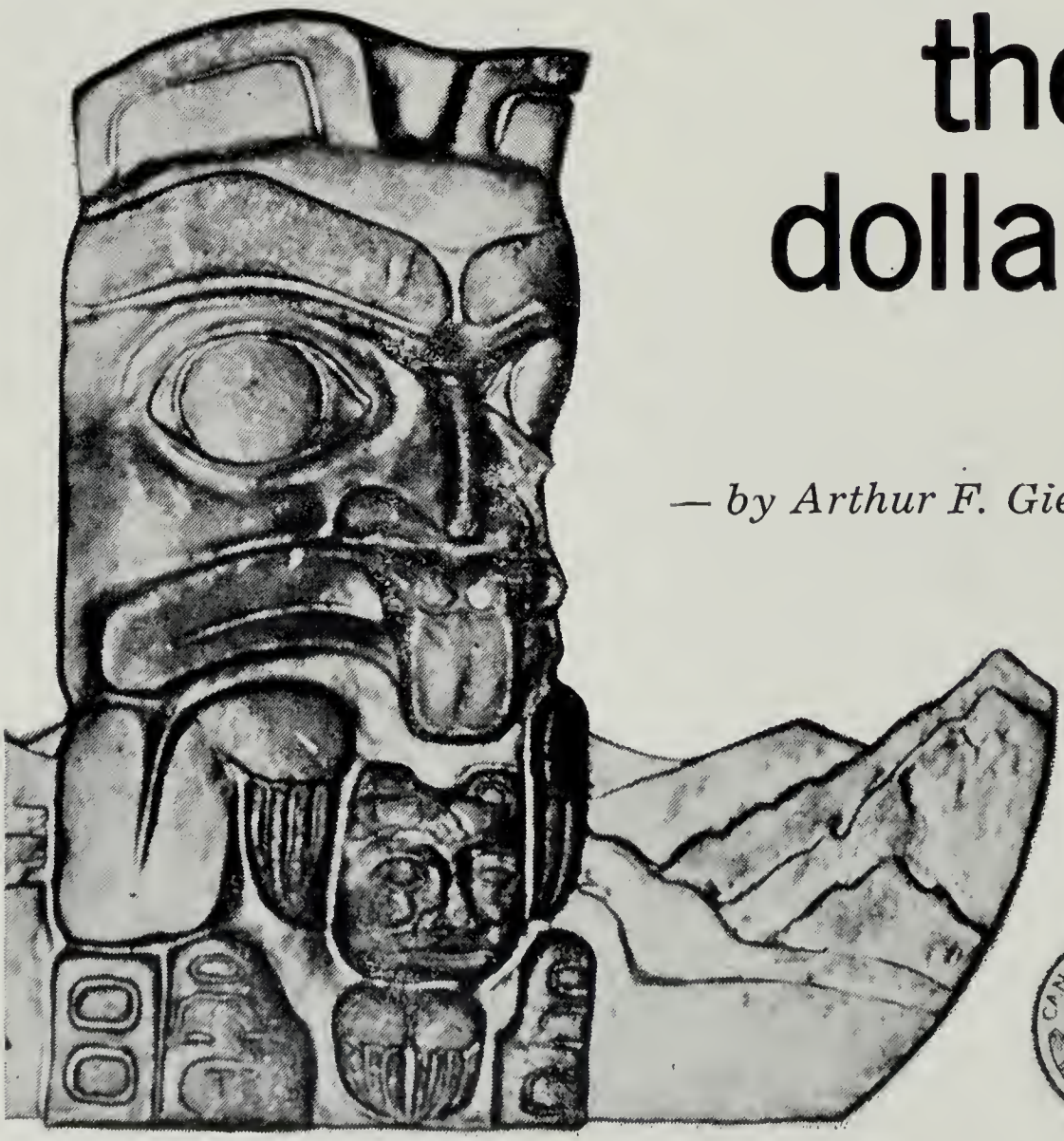
the totem on the dollar

— by Arthur F. Giere



Totem poles, found among the Indians of Alaska and Western Canada, usually are monstrous and grotesque in appearance.

Totem is the name of an animal sign or symbol of an Indian tribe. This animal symbolism is not confined to Indians alone but to many other civilized people. We all know of the American Eagle, the English Lion, the Rose of England, the Thistle of Scotland, the Bear of Russia and the Emu of Australia.

The purpose of totem poles is to perpetuate, by carving symbols, all of the outstanding deeds and events of a tribe. The chief of a tribe among the Indians could maintain his rank and high position only as long as he performed deeds of skill and valor.

Each clan adopted the name of an animal. If the tribe was outstanding in the hunting of lions, it would be known as the lion clan. Thus we find the names of bears, beavers, cats, dogs, eagles, frogs, whales, wolves and many others. The totem poles vividly express these ideas, and often the symbols on the poles would manifest and commemorate the happy occasions and events of the family clan. Thus the Indian regarded the totem pole with great veneration and admiration.

It is in the region of Southeastern Alaska and part of British Columbia that these tribal monuments may be found.

The encyclopedias state that the Haida tribe excellent in the totem pole carving art, that many beautiful and elaborate specimens are credited to this artistic clan residing in Queen Charlotte Islands.

In the city of Seattle, in Pioneer Square, stands a renowned totem pole of the Whale and Eagle Clans. Over sixty feet tall, this monument is admired by hundreds of tourists annually.

In 1958, on the occasion of the centennial of the establishment of British Columbia as a Crown Colony, Canada immortalized the totem pole by minting a silver dollar commonly known as the "totem pole dollar." Stephen Trenka, a native of Hungary, designed this interesting piece. The image on the coin is that of a mortuary pole, and as a rule the mortuary pole contained recepticles which held the ashes of deceased heroes. So naturally the Indians of British Columbia termed this coin "mortuary money." The natives objected strenuously to the minting and usage of this silver dollar. They said that it was irreligious and that its use only invited the wrath of the Gods! Others ventured to say that its use disgraced the God-blessed tribe of ancient Alaska.

Of course, the symbols on the pole merely portrayed history, but the Indians were not to be convinced of that point. They were opposed to the use of the coin.

Technicians tell us that the bird on this coin is really a raven with a curved beak, and the raven is a contemptible creature, living on corpses and rotten fish, and among the Indians he is regarded as an outcast possessing and directing among men only the work of the devil. "To the devil

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CLUB NEWS —

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of the Confederacy." Funds received from the sale of the Stone Mountain items were devoted to the expense of carving figures of confederate leaders and soldiers on Stone Mountain in Georgia.

The second part of Wilde's presentation covered Lesher Medals, so named after Joseph Lesher who coined them in 1900 and 1901 at Victor, Colorado, for trade purposes. Interested persons may read further details concerning these issues in the October 25, 1972, issue of **Coin World** wherein Wilde described his ANA award winning exhibit of Leshers. Wilde reported that a complete set constitutes 17 pieces composed of 6 different types and 11 varieties.

To complement his talk, Wilde displayed eight Lesher medals, two Stone Mountain half-dollars, and photographs and slides of other counterstamps, as well as Stone Mountain medals.

The Society welcomed with sincere appreciation a considerable quantity of numismatic publications donated by Howard Singer who currently is engaged in the preparation of specialized indexes on all foreign paper money articles printed in various publications. Readers interested in collaborating with Singer on this project may contact him at 5500 W. Eddy

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Publicity and Public Relations Chairman "Bink" Stevenson reported that through the Society's efforts, numismatic and other hobby-related donations are being directed by donors throughout the States to cerebral palsy patient, Clarence "Buddy" Jordan, personally, and to the Ranken-Jordan Home for Convalescent Crippled Children, 10621 Ladue Road, St. Louis, where Buddy resides. The Society donated to the Home a year's subscription to **Coin World** and **Numismatic News** beginning with the Christmas 1972 issue. Other donors will be happy to learn that Home officials are exploring ways by which these donations might best be utilized to the maximum benefit of all patients.

Indiana Club Seats New Officials

The Calumet Numismatic Club of East Chicago, Ind., recently held its election of new officers. Elected were: Frank Zaylik, president; Harlan Noel, 1st vice-president; J. O. Peterson, 2nd vice-president; George Hawk, secretary; and Joe Rosenbery, treasurer.

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Jackson (Mich.) Club Planning May Show

According to Vivian L. Goble, Secretary, the Jackson (Mich.) Coin Club will be hosting its 12th Annual Coin Show, May 6, at the American Legion Post #29, 1600 Clinton Road, South of I-94, Jackson. Stan Brock has been named bourse chairman and may be contacted at 939 Fetting, Lansing, Mich. 48917.

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Have YOU Heard?

Nearly everyone is familiar with National Coin Week sponsored annually by the A.N.A., but I'll bet that not many are aware that Illinois will have its own coin week!

Folks living in and near Peoria will be exposed to the hobby on Sunday, April 29, when the newly-elected Governor of Illinois issues the proclamation naming the first week of May "Illinois Coin Collecting Week," reports Oliver Horton, C.S.N.S. convention general chairman. Following issuance of the proclamation, the Governor will release dozens of gas-filled balloons from the steps of the Peoria County Courthouse! Each will carry inside a certificate redeemable for a copy of the booklet, "Let's Collect Coins," when presented at the registration desk of the Central States convention.

Anticipated coverage of the event by area news media should help to deliver the final "publicity punch" just prior to the kick-off of the convention.

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Let's give the kids a break! Acceptance of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws of C.S.N.S. (see page 5) will allow the younger set — ages 11-18 — to apply for Junior membership in the Society. For only $1 per year, young collectors will enjoy nearly all the privileges enjoyed by Regular members, except the right to vote.

In proposing a Central States "Young Numismatist Program" during last year's Milwaukee convention, Pres. Dave Cooper appointed Dan

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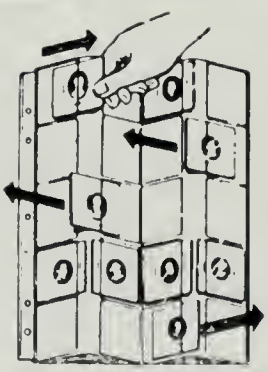

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Parker to head the program. For years, Parker has worked to promote the hobby among the young people of Detroit, and now he looks forward to doing so throughout the entire Central States area. "We're aiming to spread the hobby to more collectors, and where will we find more potential collectors than among our young people," Parker states.

While full details of the program will not be announced until the convention in Peoria, this issue of **The Centinel** carries the first of a planned series of articles covering numismatics "from the ground up" by Parker. Written with the young collector in mind, "The ABCs of Numismatics" should also serve as a fine refresher course for the more experienced collector.

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Permanent (metal) Life membership cards have received much discussion during recent Society business meetings. George Hatie, pursuing the project, hopes to have finished, engraved cards ready for presentation to all C.S.N.S. "lifers" at Peoria. (One

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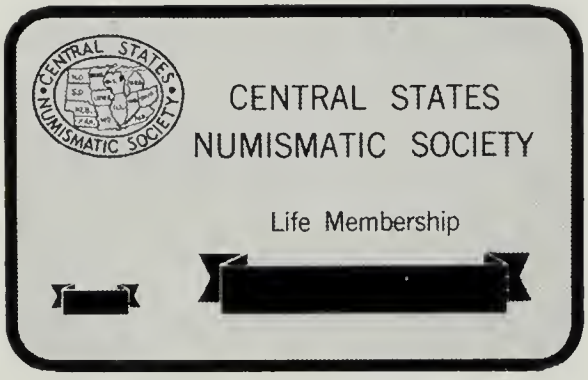
Speaking of Life membership cards, are you aware that the Society DOES WELCOME Life member applications? If the proposed By-Law amendments are adopted, an applicant must



be a Regular member for a period of only one year, rather than five years as the current By-Laws demand. The Life fee: $60. Contact the Secretary for full details.

—ROLLIE FINNER
Editor

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Non-cents: In many of our dealings with Uncle Sam, he requires us to prove that we were born by submitting a birth certificate. But when it comes to collecting taxes from us, he never doubts our existence!

TOTEM DOLLAR —

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with this coin," they said!

In spite of this feeling among the natives, the Royal Mint of Canada worked overtime in producing more silver dollars—3,039,630 pieces, to be exact—than ever before.

It was in 1935 that Canada minted its first silver dollar. By the end of the year 1958 it had minted over ten million dollar pieces and note that nearly one-third of this grand total of silver dollars consisted of the controversial "totem pole dollars."

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AMENDMENTS —

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III (to be re-numbered Section 8) shall be amended to read as follows: The candidate or candidates who have accepted nominations as aforesaid and who receive the largest number of votes for the respective offices shall be declared duly elected; provided, however, that when more than thirteen candidates have so accepted nominations for Governor, not more than two candidates residing in any one State may be elected as Governors even though one or more defeated candidates therefrom shall each receive more votes than an elected candidate residing in some other State. The President will announce the names of those duly elected at the regular membership meeting of the Society. Formal installation ceremonies will be optional. New officers and governors shall assume office following the close of the last business session of an election year convention.

The former Section 11 of said Article III (to be re-numbered Section 10) should be amended to read as follows: All officers and governors must be individual members in good standing who have attained the age of twenty-one years and who reside within the said Central States area. No member may be nominated for the office of President unless he is or has been a member of the Governing Board. The President shall not be a candidate for re-election.

The above amendments will be voted upon at the Membership Meeting to be held at the Peoria Hilton, 501 Main Street, Peoria, Illinois, on Saturday, May 5, 1973, at 10:00 a.m.

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EDITORIAL —

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sense as to what to believe.

If you have studied your subject and have had good opportunities for comparing and gaining knowledge, your judgment is liable to be as good as the next man's.

There is a subtle instinct, that collectors gradually acquire, that causes them to know at a glance a good coin from a bad coin, and a rare coin from a common one, but it is not safe to ride a willing horse too hard. However, a coin is not necessarily rare because you never happened to see one like it before.

There is as much pleasure and interest in cheap coins as in high priced ones.

Never clean a coin by rubbing it or scouring it. Don't try to pick the dirt out with a knife — a tooth pick or a thorn will do much better. A jeweler may be able to clean silverware, but it does not follow he is a good man to clean coins.

Keep rubber away from coins.

Copper coins dipped in acid are not the same as new bright coins.

If a person comes to you with coins for sale always find out if he is selling them for himself or for a "friend." If for a friend, make no offer.

Oftentimes if you offer a person that knows nothing about coins a good price for his coin, you scare him so he will not sell.

There is a difference between an accumulator and a collector.

The best way to discover your ignorance about coins is to have some non-collecting friend ask you questions.

Every collector should have a Pine-tree shilling, as that is the first question your guests ask if you have.

You can always tell a non-collector, as they invariably ask you three question — What is the value of this or that coin in our money? What is your most valuable coin? What is your oldest coin?

Old attributions and data are all right to keep, but a progressive collector should clothe them in a new jacket.

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standpoint of the burglar.

Never cry down another collector's coins; give them, at least, the benefit of the doubt.

Never talk scandal or say mean things about other collectors; if you have nothing good to say, say nothing.

The last maxim is the most important one to remember, and is the one most often transgressed.

—The Editors,
Coin World

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ABCs —

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into it, making certain that the coin will be immersed. Let it stand overnight. Then, using a soft cloth, wipe it very carefully. Oil will soften most encrustation on coins. WARNING: Try it for the first time on a regular piece of spending money, NOT on your scarce piece.

Now that the coin is presentable, care should be taken that it is protected. Coin shops and hobby shops sell plastic envelopes, quite cheaply, that will keep the coin in the condition that it was found. Under NO circumstances drop your collected coins into a box or container where they will rub against other coins. If you do, you have committed TWO sins: both coins rubbing against each other will show signs of the rubbing!

We have covered a large area in this article. In the future, we will attempt to go into more detail in the fascinating field of numismatics.

You have your ABCs: A—Know what you collect; B—Take care of it; and, C—Study the details carefully!

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Next time will attempt to answer the question: How Are Coins Minted?

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9:30 a.m.—C.S.N.S. Convention Ribbon-cutting Ceremony.
9:30 a.m.—Bourse, Grand Ballroom, open to public.
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9:30 a.m.—Hospitality Room, Grand Ballroom Stage, open to convention badge holders only.
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2:00 p.m.—C.S.N.S. Officers & Board of Governors meeting.
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